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1. HERewith FULL TEXT BARRY SUSSMAN BY-LINER, WASHINGTON POST, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, HEADED "SENATOR CLARK FAULTS EMPHASIS ON ARMS INSTEAD OF FOOD."
2. SEN. DICK CLARK (D-IOWA) SAID YESTERDAY THAT AN ALMOST WORLDWIDE OPINION POLL BY GEORGE GALLUP SUGGESTED "A STRANGE FINDING" -- THAT WHILE PEOPLE RECOGNIZED FOOD SUPPLY AS THE WORLD'S NO. 1 PROBLEM, GOVERNMENTS ACT AS THOUGH THE NO. 1 NEED IS ARMS SUPPLY.
3. CLARK SAID THE UNITED STATES IS DISTRIBUTING LESS THAN ONE-THIRD AS MUCH FOOD ABROAD THIS YEAR, 5 MILLION TONS, AS IT DID 10 YEARS AGO, WHEN IT DISTRIBUTED 18 MILLION TONS, "DESPITE THE FACT THAT CROPS LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR ARE THE TWO BEST IN THE NATION'S HISTORY."
4. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, ARMS TRANSFERS HAVE IN-

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CREASED ENORMOUSLY. HE SAID THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN

\$1 BILLION IN ARMS TRANSFERS IN 1970 AND \$10 BILLION IN 1974. "IT WAS DOWN TO \$8.4 BILLION IN 1975 BUT IT WAS \$8.4 BILLION BY SEPT. 1 THIS YEAR, AND WILL GO OVER \$10

BILLION AGAIN."

5. CLARK SAID THE EMPHASIS ON ARMS TRANSFERS "IS NOT ALTOGETHER OUR FAULT - THE GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WANT THEM." HE SAID THE GALLUP SURVEY "INDICATED AN ENORMOUS GAP BETWEEN PEOPLE'S NEEDS, THE NEEDS THEY PERCEIVE, AND THE NEEDS THAT GOVERNMENTS, THEIRS AND OUR OWN, SEE."

6. CLARK'S COMMENTS WERE MADE AS GALLUP PRESENTED SOME OF THE FINDINGS OF WHAT THE POLLSTER CALLED THE FIRST "STATE OF MANKIND" STUDY TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, OF WHICH CLARK IS A MEMBER.

7. IN HIS PRESENTATION, GALLUP SAID, "THE ONE FINDING FROM THE SURVEY THAT HAD GREAT IMPACT ON THOSE OF US WHO DIRECTED IT IS THE APPALLING AMOUNT OF POVERTY IN THE WORLD TODAY. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE IN THE ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL NATIONS TO REALIZE HOW MANY PERSONS IN THE WORLD FACE A DAILY STRUGGLE TO GET ENOUGH TO EAT. AND MOST OF WHAT THEY EARN, WHICH IS PITIFULLY SMALL, HAS TO BE SPENT FOR FOOD."

8. LATER, CLARK WAS ASKED WHETHER IT WAS VALID TO COMPARE ARMS AND FOOD TRANSFERS AS HE HAD, BECAUSE ARMS TRANSFERS INVOLVE SALES THAT BRING FUNDS INTO THE UNITED STATES, AND FOOD TRANSFERS ARE MOST OFTEN DONATIONS PAID FOR BY THE UNITED STATES.

9. CLARK SAID THAT OFTEN FOOD IS GIVEN NOT TO FEED THE HUNGRY, BUT TO NON-HUNGRY COUNTRIES FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, AND THAT SOMETIMES THERE IS NO REAL GIVEAWAY INVOLVED. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT IN FISCAL 1974, "MORE THAN HALF OF ALL U.S. FOOD AID WENT TO VIETNAM, WHERE IT WAS SOLD, LEGALLY ENOUGH, BY THE GOVERNMENT - WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO THE WAR EFFORT."

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10. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, ARMS TRANSFERS OFTEN TURN OUT TO BE GRANTS. "WE'VE AGREED TO GIVE HEAVY CREDIT FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES TO KENYA AND ZAIRE," CLARK SAID. "THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE ZAIRE WILL EVER PAY US BACK; THEY HAVE NO MONEY."

11. CLARK ALSO SAID THAT BOTH THESE AFRICAN COUNTRIES "HAVE DIRE ECONOMIC AND FOOD PROBLEMS - AND THERE THEY ARE

MAKING LARGE EXPENDITURES FOR SECURITY. I AM CONFIDENT
OUR OWN INTELLIGENCE WOULD TELL US THAT WHILE THEY HAVE
SOME ENEMIES, NEITHER COUNTRY IS IN DANGER OF BEING
INVADED."

12. GALLUP'S FINDINGS WERE BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH
10,000 PEOPLE IN 64 NATIONS, REPRESENTING TWO-THIRDS OF
THE WORLD'S POPULATION. THE POLL, SAID TO BE THE FIRST
TO COVER SO LARGE A SEGMENT OF HUMANITY, WAS SPONSORED
BY A \$150,000 GRANT FROM THE KETTERING FOUNDATION.
INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED FROM LATE 1974 THROUGH THE
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